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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Senator Harry M. Byrd, JR.
U.S.S.

Form #2

Re: Memo to the death sentences of

RE: KANG Jong-Hun, Paik Ok-Kwan, Chin Du-Hyon, Choi Chul-Kyo,
Koo Woo-Kyu, and Kim Dae Jung. in Republic Korea

From: William P. Menza

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RE: KANG Jong-Hun, Paik Ok-Kwan, Chin Du-Hyon, Choi Chul-Kyo,
Kan Woo-Kyu, and Kim Dae Jung.

Copies to:

Prime Minister Nam Duck-Woo, Seoul, Korea
The South Korean Embassy, Washington, D.C.
President of the U.S.A. Jimmy Carter
U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd
U.S. Senator John W. Warner
U.S. Representative Joseph L. Fisher
Rev. Jean Jadot, Apostolic Delegate in the U.S.A.
President Lane Kirkland, American Federation of Labor & C.I.O.

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Dear Senator Byrd:

This is for your information. Would you
request that the prisoners be unmonitored and
their sentences commuted?

Would ^{you} like what can be done to end support
by the U.S.A. of this odious government, and
what sanctions can be brought against it?
(for human rights violations.)

Sincerely,

William O. Byrd

September 9, 1980

President Chun Doo-Hwan
Blue House
Chongno-Gu
Seoul, Republic of Korea

Dear President Doo-Hwan:

This is to appeal to your humanitarian interests and to your sense of justice and mercy, and to ask you to commute the death sentences passed on KANG JONG-HUN, PAIK OK-KWAN, CHIN DU-HYON, CHOI CHUL-KYO, and KANG WOO-KYU, and the about to be passed death sentence for KIM DAE JUNG.

I understand the first 5 persons were secretly convicted and sentenced to death during 1974 to 1977, and that their families were notified in July, 1980 of these secret results. Do you know why there was such a long delay in notifying them?

I have also been told that your government continues to refuse a new trial for them, even though the Tokyo Bar Association has information to prove alibis for them. Do you know why no retrial has been scheduled?

It has also been reported that the five were tortured into signing confessions, and are NOW MANACLED in SEOUL SADAEMDON PRISON. Would you please investigate these allegations, order the five unmanacled, help repair any health damage caused by these tortures, identify and bring to trial all those responsible for the tortures, and hold these torturers to make amends to their victims and their families.

I request that you also have diplomatic passports issued to the family members of these 5 persons (they are now denied passports, I understand), and that you give them special protection from arrest and mistreatment if they do visit these prisoners (they have been threaten with arrest I am told, if they enter Korea).

I am sure that you just as I do, find no purpose served for one's country or countrymen by cruel, barbaric, and unconscionable torture, false imprisonment, and murder by a death penalty.

Sincerely yours,

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